

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the US National Application claiming priority to International Application Number PCT/EP2003/011093 having a filing date of October 7, 2003.

As a preliminary matter Applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of the International Examination Report and the claims upon which the Examination Report is based for your convenience. Applicants do not believe the Amendment was communicated by the International Bureau.

Amended Claim 1 is now directed to a brake switch (44) for connecting and disconnecting emergency power to the brake (18) which allows for movement of the car during unbalanced load condition between the car and the counterweight. Claim 1 further comprises a an emergency drive switch (46) for connecting and disconnecting the power of the emergency power supply (42) to the drive motor (10) and to the brake (18) allowing for an emergency rescue operation during a balanced condition.

The claimed invention allows for designing the backup power source for balanced rescue only which allowing for selection of a smaller source.

The claims have also been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

New claims 11-14 directed to a method for performing an elevator rescue operation have been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel a phone interview would be helpful in processing the subject application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

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